



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria VA. 22313-1450 on:

June 23, 2006

Date of Deposit & Signature

Kenneth A. Gandy

Name of Registered Representative

*Kenneth A. Gandy*  
Signature

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of:

William M. Ayers

Serial No. 09/720,663

Filed: August 6, 2001

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE  
PREPARATION OF HIGH PURITY  
PHOSPHINE OR OTHER GAS

)  
) Before the Examiner  
)  
) Mayekar, Kishor  
)  
) Group Art Unit 1753  
)  
) June 23, 2006  
)  
)  
)

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner of Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2005, please consider the following. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due, to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include the payment of any issue fees.